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ON RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE, PARIS, JAN 26-30

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1. US POSITION CONVEYED TO VAN VLOTEN, MFA UNESCO AFFAIRS EXPERT, THIS MORNING, JAN 8. HE SAID HE EXPECTED EC-9 WOULD DECIDE TO ATTEND AS THIS WAS CONSENSUS OF OPINION EXPRESSED IN PARIS. VAN VLOTEN ASKED IF IN CONSIDERING POSTPONEMENT ALTERNATIVES US INCLUDED POSSIBILITY OF ATTENDING MEETING WHICH MIGHT ONLY BE DISCUSSION FORUM NOT RESULTING IN ANY DECLARATION. WE SAID
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DECISION NOT TO ATTEND SEEMED FIRM NO MATTER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. VAN VLOTEN SAID DUTCH HAD GIVEN CONSIDERATION TO BOYCOTTING MEETING, BUT GENERAL FEELING WAS THAT THEY SHOULD NOT ENGAGE IN THIS PRACTICE. IT WAS BETTER TO BE THERE TO DEFEND YOUR VIEWS AND IT NOT CLEAR WHERE YOU DRAW LINE ONCE YOU START STAYING AWAY FROM MEETINGS. IN THIS REGARD, HE SAID THAT EC-9 UN AFFAIRS EXPERTS WOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERING AT LUXEMBOURG MEETING POSITIONS ON VANCOUVER HABITAT CONFERENCE WHICH TO TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK AND WHERE IT IS EXPECTED THAT "ZIONISM IS RACISM" LANGUAGE MAY AGAIN BE INTRODUCED.
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